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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) David Butner (3) _____

(2) Mrs Grueneberg (4) _____

Date of Interview 2/19/03

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: all

Identification of prior art discussed: all

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Err pointed out last rejection should have been in view of EP 692522.
Applicant to require both (D) and (E) be present.
Would appear to overcome art of record, Examiner considers claims to (E) alone to be non-elected

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary. A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 713.04 Subpart 1 - Introduction - Part 86 Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 713.04 Subpart 1 - Introduction - Part 86

^a The number of items was reduced from 60 to 40 if no agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

2.1.4 Interviews

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It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney-in-charge to make the substance of an opinion of non-enablement, if any, known to the examiner. If the examiner does so, it is the examiner's responsibility to ensure that such opinion is made and to point out material in the prior art which bears directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete a two-part or partial Patent Interview Summary Form for each interview held after January 1, 1978 where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Items handwritten in forming a ball point pen. Discussions regarding any procedural matters, including subject restriction requirements, for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or word omissions in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedure below.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate paper number, placed in the right-hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" list on the file wrapper. The docket and serial register cards need not be updated to reflect interviews. In a personal interview, the duplicate copy of the Form is removed and given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the telephonic interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Serial Number of the application
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (personal or telephonic)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the claims discussed
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). (Agreements as to allowability are tentative and do not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.)
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview
- Names of other Patent and Trademark Office personnel present

The Form also contains a statement reminding the applicant of his responsibility to record the substance of the interview.

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his obligation to record the substance of the interview in each case unless both applicant and examiner agree that the examiner will record same. Where the examiner agrees to record the substance of the interview or when it is adequately recorded on the Form or in an attachment to the Form, the examiner should check a box at the bottom of the Form informing the applicant that he need not supplement the Form by submitting a separate record of the substance of the interview.

It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recitation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview:

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted.
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed.
- 3) an identification of specific prior art discussed.
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments to the claims, the nature discussed, unless these were already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner. The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments to be presented in the examination can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which the Examiners might find to be persuasive in the examination.
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general thrust of some of the oral arguments already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Information and explanations provided by you or your representative are not a guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the information. If the information is not complete or accurate, the examiner will give the most and your benefits will be reduced. You are not required to provide information for a longer period than the period for which you are receiving benefits. You must provide information through a third party only if the application is the only way to

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